

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, September 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Rollins, Councilors Conti, Grant, Blodgett, Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick and Alexander.

Councilor Paradis absent.

Mayor Rollins presided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

16-145 City Manager

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council Business Meeting held September 1, 2016 submitted by the City Clerk's office be approved.

16-146 City Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of August, 2016 in the amount of \$5,221,971.03 be approved.

Motion for passage of the Consent Agenda.

By: Bilodeau Second by: Grant

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1

16-147 Mayor Rollins and Councilors Alexander, Conti, Grant, McCormick, Munson and Paradis

BE IT ORDERED, That \$17,020 be and hereby is appropriated from the City's Unassigned Fund Balance to supplement the ~~\$180,00~~ \$180,000 appropriated for the replacement of Rescue 5; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That \$120,965 be and hereby is appropriated from the City's Unassigned Fund Balance to supplement the \$94,045 received from the City's automobile insurance provider for the replacement of Rescue 3 and an EMS stretcher which were totaled in a motor vehicle accident on June 18, 2016.

Motion for passage of order 16-147.

By: Munson Second by: McCormick

Motion to amend order 16-147 to \$180,000.

By: Bilodeau Second by: Grant

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Vote on order 16-147 as amended.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

16-148 Mayor Rollins and Councilors Alexander, Conti, Grant, McCormick, Munson and Paradis

ORDERED, in accordance with the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Land Use Ordinance Section 5.1.15.1.A.1.o, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to modify the work hours for Summit Natural Gas (and companies working for them under contract); to work in the area of Bridge and Water Streets in September 2016. Doing this work at night is beneficial to public safety as it minimizes potential disruption to daytime traffic patterns. Times to be determined based on SNG's request/schedule and as approved by the City Manager.

Motion for passage of order 16-148.

By: Bilodeau Second by: Grant

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

16-149 City Manager

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Land require local snowmobile club grant funds to be administered through their municipality, and

Whereas, the City of Augusta has two snowmobile clubs who can benefit from said grant funds to help offset their operating and trail grooming expenses, and

WHEREAS, the North Augusta Trail Blazers and Fox Glen Snowmobile Clubs directly benefit from the state funds generated through snowmobile registrations, and

WHEREAS, the local match is generated by each club through their trail maintenance and grooming efforts and no local cash match is otherwise required.

BE IT ORDERED, that City Council on behalf of the North Augusta Trail Blazers and Fox Glen Snowmobile Clubs authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application in an amount up to \$12,000.00 to help offset the club's annual operating expenses and said funds will be proportionally distributed to clubs once funds have been received by the city and fund distribution will be based upon the final expenses submitted by each club.

Motion for passage of order 16-149.

By: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

16-150 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize beer and wine to be served at Mill Park as part of Augusta Fuel's hosting of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" monthly social to be held on September 28, 2016. Be it further ordered the beer and wine will be managed and operated by a duly licensed vendor with all applicable licenses, permits and insurance in place prior to the event and that all servers will be properly TIPS trained and certified.

Motion for passage of order 16-150.

By: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.

By: Munson Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
September 15, 2016